

STATE OF WASHINGTON

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-18

WHEREAS, State law directs the Higher Education Coordinating Board to prepare every four years a statewide strategic master plan for higher education that proposes a vision and identifies goals and priorities for the system of higher education in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, The HECB submitted its interim master plan in December 2003 to the Legislature and Governor as directed by law, and has conducted extensive public hearings and stakeholder meetings across the state to discuss both the interim plan and subsequent draft versions of the final plan; and

WHEREAS, The Board has taken unprecedented steps to respond and consider a wide range of information in the development of the master plan, including public hearing testimony, legislative input, and suggestions of the state's education community; and

WHEREAS, the final plan reflects the longstanding statutory requirement that the Board's 10 citizen members "represent the broad public interest above the interests of the individual colleges and universities"; and

WHEREAS, the plan presented at the Board's July 22, 2004, meeting will be supplemented later in the year by a comprehensive implementation plan that will describe how the various policy proposals in the plan may be accomplished;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the draft final master plan as presented during the July 22, 2004, meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the HECB staff to refinements that may be necessary to reflect the outcome of the Board's discussion of the master plan at the July 22, 2004, meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board extends its thanks to the HECB staff members, higher education administrators, business and community leaders, students and others who have contributed to the 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.

Adopted:

July 22, 2004

Attest:

Bob Craves, Chair

Gay Selby, Vice Chair